

# Separation talks revive scheme for opening of Suez Canal

## Egypt agreeable: 'linkage' to over-all solution



ALUF GUR ARRIVES

LOD AIRPORT. — Aluf Mordechai Gur, Israel's Military Attaché in Washington, who will head the Israeli team at the disarmament talks with Egypt in Geneva later this week, arrived here last night from the U.S. via El Al.

Aluf Gur declined to comment to newsmen here, but "Tim" learns that he has meetings scheduled today with Prime Minister Golda Meir, Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Alon, Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, Foreign Minister Abba Eban and the Chief of Staff, Rav Aluf David Elazar. (HWA)

By ARI RAITH  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

GENEVA. — The Israel-Egypt military disengagement talks that are to resume here this week, are likely to result in reviving the interim Suez Canal settlement idea, but pegged to the realities of 1978. Egypt, this time, is likely to accept the idea, because the peace conference provides it with the much desired "linkage" of a Suez settlement to an over-all solution of the Middle East conflict that was lacking in 1971.

First indication that military disengagement between Israel and Egypt could be expected to result in the reopening of the international waterway after almost seven years came from U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. He was briefing U.S. newsmen late Saturday night — who had accompanied him throughout his pre-Geneva conference Middle East tour — on board the U.S. Air Force jet that took them home from Geneva to Washington on their last leg of the whirlwind peace-making mission.

Kissinger expected the opening of the Suez Canal shortly after the separation of troops along its banks, although he did not rule out that at first Egypt would not allow ships flying the Israeli flag to pass, but would not hinder Israel-bound cargoes to go through on other ships.

MUTUAL WITHDRAWALS  
It was the fact that Israel had proposed fairly extensive mutual troop withdrawals at Kilometre 101, which could lead to the reopening of the Suez Canal and which had actually surprised Egypt's Chief of Staff, General Gamaay, that brought Kissinger to suggest transferring the military disengagement talks from the tent at Kilometre 101 to the first phase of the peace conference at the Palais des Nations here.

Kissinger's statement on the Suez Canal opening was received here with special interest, since it came only few hours after he had conferred on Saturday twice with Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy, before he left for Washington. Fahmy himself was the only head of delegation to the peace conference to have stayed behind in Geneva.

He is understood to have said that he wants to see the military disengagement talks get safely off the ground.

Prospects for the reopening of the Suez Canal are now understood to have been one of the main topics of the informal, top-level diplomatic talks on Friday and Saturday among Kissinger, Gromyko, Fahmy and Eban. Israel's belief that the reopening of the Canal and the rebuilding of the Egyptian Canal cities would become a pacifying element in that troubled area was one of the main underlying subjects when Defence Minister Moshe Dayan first broached the idea to Kissinger in December 1970. Already then, Kissinger showed great interest in the interim Suez Canal settlement scheme, although the State Department and former Secretary of State Rogers were not at all receptive to the idea at first.

Israel delegation sources here, however, claimed yesterday to have no knowledge about any talks elaborating on a Suez opening proposal.

SILASVUO ARRIVES  
Meanwhile, preparations for the first meeting of the Israel-Egyptian "military working group" were into high gear yesterday with the arrival here yesterday afternoon of General Eino Silasvuo, commander of the U.N. Emergency Force on the Suez front. Arriving here on a scheduled Air Egypt flight, the Finnish General, dressed in a smart business suit, said he came to Geneva at the request of the U.N. Secretary-General. He stressed that it would be up to the parties to decide how the military disengagement talks were to proceed.

Israel's representatives to the disengagement talks, Aluf Gur and Aluf-Mishne Dov Sion are due to arrive here tomorrow. The first session of the military working group is expected to be held here tomorrow afternoon, or Thursday morning, the latest.

Diplomatic activity yesterday shifted from the deserted Palais des Nations to the Intercontinental Hotel, where Silasvuo is staying together with Fahmy and the skeleton group of the U.S. delegation. Shortly after his arrival, Silasvuo met with Fahmy and with the acting head of the U.S. delegation, a Finnish soldier was injured.

Michael Stern, of the State Department's Near East bureau, who is 10th on the list of 11 U.S. delegation members. Stern yesterday also met with the acting head of Israel delegation, assistant director-general of the foreign ministry, Ephraim Evron, to discuss preparations for the talks. Evron also met yesterday with U.N. Under-Secretary Roberto Guyer, head of the U.N. delegation here in Dr. Kurt Waldheim's absence.

It was understood that the meetings were concerned with a continued Russian effort for participation in the disengagement talks. Both the U.S. and Israeli delegates, however, resisted this renewed heavy Soviet pressure, and the talks will open as scheduled — without big power participation.

By last night, Silasvuo had made no contact with the Israeli delegation here, but was informed that the Israeli envoys would be here by tomorrow, ready to start disengagement talks without delay.

Since Egypt had rejected three different Israeli proposals at Kilometre 101, and Israel had rejected three Egyptian proposals, it is thought here that Gur's consultations in Israel might produce some new version. In any plan, Israel is expected to insist on the withdrawal of both the Second and Third armies from the east bank of the Suez Canal, leaving only token Egyptian forces at the Sinal side of the waterway.

## More incidents in South

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER  
TEL AVIV. — Several incidents between the Egyptian and Israeli forces on the southern front were noted by the military spokesman yesterday. All occurred when Egyptian soldiers tried to take up positions which they did not hold before the cease-fire. There were no Israeli casualties.

In Cairo, the U.N. spokesman said UNEF chief Lt.-Gen. Eino Silasvuo has protested to both Egypt and Israel against a shooting incident on Thursday in which a Finnish soldier was injured.

## Cabinet meets today for Geneva report, Jordan separation issue

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The Cabinet is to meet this morning to hear a full report from Foreign Minister Abba Eban on the opening of the Geneva peace conference. In the discussion which will follow, the subject of possible disengagement talks with Jordan is expected to be raised.

This idea, tentatively suggested by Jordan's Premier and Foreign Minister, Said Rifai, at Geneva on Saturday, has gained currency over the weekend with two Israeli Ministers, Mr. Eban and Deputy Premier Yigal Alon, reacting positively to it, and U.S. Secretary Henry Kissinger also approving it, according to "The New York Times" yesterday.

The "Times," which carried an interview with Kissinger yesterday, said that he and his assistant Joseph Sisco envisaged disengagement talks between Israel and Jordan opening within a few weeks and reaching speedy agreement.

Mr. Eban was asked on arrival early yesterday morning about Mr. Rifai's suggestion, and he pointed out that the Israel Government had not rejected it — but nor had it accepted it at this stage. He noted that Mr. Rifai himself had not sought an immediate start of disengagement talks with Israel. He added that the subject would probably be discussed when the delegations meet again in Geneva, in January.

Mr. Eban had been in constant contact with the Prime Minister throughout his stay at Geneva, sources close to him said yesterday, and he had discussed the question of Israel-Jordan disengagement talks with her before making his statement.

On Saturday night, Deputy Premier Yigal Alon said that the Jordanian suggestion merited Israel's positive consideration. He was criticized for this statement by the National Religious ministers at the Cabinet meeting on Sunday, and these ministers will probably raise the issue again today. (The NRP is against any territorial concessions on the West Bank.)

Yesterday, however, sources close to Mr. Eban and to Mr. Alon explained that what the ministers had in mind was not physical disengagement and withdrawal of forces from the Jordan River, but rather negotiations aimed at agreement on other steps to lessen the tension and confrontation on the eastern front.

Mr. Alon, it was recalled, envisaged the Jordan River as the ultimate military and political border with Jordan (with enclaves of Jordanian territory set up on the West Bank itself) and he would therefore hardly recommend an Israel pull-back from the river.

One beneficial result which Messrs. Eban and Alon both feel could come from "disengagement talks" with Jordan would be a mutual thinning-out of heavy equipment on the river banks. Agreement could be reached, for instance, on withdrawal of tanks and heavy artillery, leaving only mechanized infantry to patrol the lines.

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## THE WEATHER

Forecast: Clear and dry.  
Weather synopsis: A ridge extending from Iraq and Turkey to the eastern Mediterranean.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min.-Max.	Today's forecast
Jerusalem	56	6-11	7-12
Solana	55	6-10	7-11
Safed	45	12-18	13-20
Tiberias	41	12-17	13-18
Nazareth	49	10-19	11-20
Shimon	49	10-17	11-19
Tel Aviv	32	13-19	12-20
Lod	36	10-21	8-21
Jericho	41	10-22	8-22
Gaza	52	10-19	10-20
BeerSheva	31	8-15	6-19
Eilat	27	12-22	13-23
Tiran	36	13-23	13-25

## Social and Personal

The President's wife, Nina Katzir, was the guest at a Hanukkah party given on Sunday for wounded soldiers at Rehov Hospital in Haifa, under the auspices of Haifa University and the Disabled Veterans' Organization.

A bazaar to benefit the Soldier's Welfare Association will be held at the Kiryat Hayovel Community Centre on Rehov Chile, Thursday, December 27, between 1.30 and 5 p.m. Proceeds will go to purchase cooking stoves for army field units.

Renowned art historian Sir Ernst Gombrich, director of the University of London's Warburg Institute, will speak at Jerusalem's Van Leer Lecture tomorrow (Wednesday) at 6 p.m. on "The Age of Hopes: Eastern Inventions and Western Responses around 1600."

On Thursday at 6 p.m. Prof. Gombrich will give a second lecture at the Hebrew University's Givat Ram campus on "The Lustre of Apelles, the Rendering of Light in Ancient and Medieval Painting." Both lectures are under the auspices of the Hebrew University's Department of Art History.

The Jerusalem Vocal Newspaper at Beit Ha'am on Friday at 8.30 p.m. will include talks by Abraham Shenkar, head of the Jewish Agency's Information Department, on "Jews of the Diaspora in the Political Struggle for Israel"; Aluf (Res.) Uzi Narkiss, head of the Jewish Agency Immigration Department and Yehuda Dominitz, deputy department head, on "Immigration Before and After the War."

## ARRIVALS

The Chief Rabbi of Austria, Dr. A. Zischner, chairman of the Jewish National Fund in Austria; S. G. Engelsman, chairman of the JNF in Holland; E. Reck, chairman of the JNF in Sweden; and R. Donath, chairman of the JNF in Italy — for consultations at the JNF head office in Jerusalem.

We share the deep grief of  
Mrs. R. Ezer, one time Chief Nurse  
at the Wizo Baby Home, Jerusalem,  
on the death of her husband,

**ALEXANDER**

WIZO BABY HOME, JERUSALEM

On the first anniversary of her death, a memorial service  
will be held at the graveside of our beloved wife and mother

**HENNY (CHANA) GASSNER, nee TREDEL**

on Wednesday, Dec. 26, 11 a.m. at Har Hamenuhot, Jerusalem.

Josef (Jupp) Gassner  
Jack and Judith Chazan, nee Gassner  
Grandson Michael

We have lost our dear friend,

**LOTHAR HURTIG**

His memory will be cherished for ever.

Dr. M. Flesch  
N. Kurborg  
Dr. Y. Schoenewald  
M. H. Gilead  
Dr. W. Kiese  
Dr. F. Schindler

The American Jewish Committee, Israel Office  
mourns the tragic death of

**YORAM OLSHAN**

and extends sincere condolences  
to Committee members, Justice Yitzhak Olshan,  
Mrs. Rachel Olshan and Mrs. Simi Olshan

In very deep sorrow, we announce the untimely death of  
our dear

**Dr. DAVID CHAIM (Max) NATHANSEN**

The funeral will leave today, Tuesday, December 25, 1973,  
from the Sanhedria Funeral Parlour, Jerusalem, at 2 p.m.

Wife, Sara Hinde  
Daughters, Yael Rebdorf and family  
Hannah Ranel and family  
Brothers, Bernhard Nathansen and family  
Fritz Nathansen and family  
Sister, Esther Fried and family  
Mother-in-Law, Razi Neuhauer and family

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**DR. M.D. NATHANSEN**

and express our sincere condolences to the family.

David Hackmey and Family  
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# Smaller crowd for Xmas in Bethlehem

Jerusalem Post Staff  
Christmas was ushered in under a crisp, star-studded sky with the traditional services last night in Bethlehem's Basilica of the Nativity, housing the grotto where, according to Christian belief, the infant Jesus was born.

The flood-lit Manger Square, which threw up a glow visible kilometres away in the clear night, was as gay as ever with the usual colourful assortment of the faithful and the curious, augmented this year by a wider variety of U.N. uniforms. But the crowd was smaller than in previous years.

Hundreds of visitors mingled in the square from late morning. Traders and vendors did a brisk business which picked up progressively until some 2,000 gathered there to greet the arrival of the Latin Patriarch, Mgr. Joseph Jann Bottrich, at the head of a motorcade from Jerusalem. He rode into the square escorted by five mounted policemen.

The crowd swelled to about 4,000 (estimated) towards midnight, when the culminating ceremony of Christmas Eve, the High Mass, began in the Church of St. Catherine, adjoining the Basilica. The church itself, which barely accommodates 1,000 persons, was filled to capacity as usual. As in previous years, admission was strictly by invitation.

The crowd in Manger Square — and viewers all over the world — followed the ceremony by live television.

All approaches to Bethlehem and the area of the Basilica and Manger Square were under heavy security guard. Military and border police augmented a reinforced police detachment to ensure that the night, which was exemplary through the day and to discourage any attempt to disrupt the ceremonies.

## ROAD BLOCKS

Road blocks manned by police and soldiers checked all cars entering the town from dawn. Only vehicles with special passes were let through, and scores of cars not displaying such permits were turned back. Other barriers around Manger Square allowed only a double-file entry into this central area of the Christmas celebrations, although entry here was unrestricted. Scores of Border Police armed with Uzi submachineguns were scattered about the square.

None of this dampened the holiday spirit, enlivened by the performance of the police band and, later, by 10 choirs — including two Belgian and two American — singing traditional Christmas carols. Less formal entertainment was provided by bearded participants of the "Jesus Christ Superstar" generation, many of whom arrived equipped with sleeping bags. A small group of brown-casocked monks led by a similarly attired guitarist, won popular following as they made their way towards the Church of St. Catherine last night singing "Vigil Bells."

The Patriarch's traditional procession from Jerusalem's Old City to Bethlehem early in the afternoon was carried out in weather that was perhaps the most mild of any Christmas Eve in recent years. A large crowd of pilgrims and Jerusalemites saw the Patriarch's Mercedes depart from Jaffa Gate at 12.30 p.m. accompanied by other vehicles carrying clergy and security details.

At Mar Elias, the procession was met by five mounted policemen carrying staffs with blue pennants. The horsemen accompanied the Patriarch the remainder of the way, flanking his vehicle which bore the white-and-yellow pennant of the Vatican.

Near Rachel's Tomb, the procession stopped to permit the Patriarch to be greeted by local clergy and dignitaries including the mayors of Bethlehem, Beit Jala and Beit Sahur.

## 6,000 AT LOD

Tourists and pilgrims continued to arrive for the holiday. Some 6,000 travellers passed through Lod Airport in the 24-hour period ending yesterday morning, most of them incoming Christmas pilgrims from Europe and the U.S. This was Lod Airport's busiest day since the October War.

Among the arrivals by Sabena was the Belgian choir, "Cantate Domino," for the ceremonies in Bethlehem. They were met by the Belgian Ambassador, Frans Willem, and representatives of the Tourism Ministry.

The Rosary Sisters Church in Rehov Agron in Jerusalem was dark last night — there was no priest available in Jerusalem to officiate at their Christmas Eve service. The nuns all had to go to nearby Terra Sancta for the mass.

The Rosary Sisters are the only Arab order of nuns in the world, with convents in the Lebanon, Jordan, Kuwait, Abu Dhabi, and a mother convent in Jerusalem. In previous years Jesuit priests carried out the mass at the Rosary Sisters Church; but the older priests have died, and no younger men have been assigned to take their place.

In Nazareth, there were few tourists and fewer Israeli visitors than usual. According to one large store owner, "Christmas shopping was a bigger spree than ever" this year. But the souvenir shops, restaurants and hotels catering to tourists had a lean Christmas.

The Municipality decorated the main streets with garlands of electric bulbs and decorated Christmas trees were up in several places.

At 8 p.m. Mayor Seif e-Din Zu'abi gave the traditional Christmas Eve reception, which was attended by the Greek Orthodox Metropolitan Isidoros, Greek Catholic Archbishop Joseph Raya, Latin Bishop Hans Kaldani, and the Director-General of the Tourism Ministry, Hanoch Givon. Midnight mass was held as usual at the Church of the Annunciation.

TWO GREEK LINES which were due here for three- and four-day visits with some 650 tourists have cancelled their calls. No reason for the cancellations were given. An Italian liner, the s.s. Achille Lauro, is due Saturday with over 600 tourists for a two-day stay.

On the 10th anniversary of the death of

**LEO KADMAN**

we will visit his grave at the Kiryat Shaul Cemetery on Thursday, December 27, 1973 at 12.30 p.m.

We will meet by the entrance gate. Transport from the offices of Shikun Ovdin Ltd., 21 Rehov Leonardo da Vinci, Tel Aviv at 12 noon.

On the same day at 6.00 p.m. there will be the  
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FOR THOSE WHO FELL IN THE YOM KIPPUR WAR

on Wednesday, December 26, 1973, at 1.15 p.m. in the Wise Auditorium,  
Givat Ram campus.  
to be addressed by Prof. Michael Rabin, the Rector of the University,  
and Mr. Yigael Leaker, Chairman of the Student Union  
with the participation of the choir of the Rubin Academy of Music.

The Unveiling of the Tombstone in memory of my late wife

**PAULINE ROSE**

will take place on Thursday, December 27, 1973, at  
Har Hamenuhot Cemetery, Givat Shaul, Jerusalem.  
We shall meet at the entrance to the Cemetery at 10.45 a.m.

Albert Rose  
"Ha'ohel," Mount Zion, Jerusalem



The Latin Patriarch, J.J. Bottrich (in white robe, centre), on arrival in Bethlehem's Manger Square yesterday. He is flanked by Mayor Shimon Malka, Military Governor of Bethlehem (left), and Elias Freij, Mayor of Bethlehem (right, partly hidden). To right of Mr. Freij is Archbishop Rodriguez Quintero, Primate of Costa Rica.

## No room at the port

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — A thousand Christmas pilgrims had to wait up to five hours to disembark from their ships here due to poor port arrangements, a Haifa travel agency manager charged yesterday.

Both the s.s. Delphi, with 420 English tourists on board, and the s.s. Ithaca, carrying 600 Americans, had to unload their passengers by launches as no berths could be assigned them. The last of the Delphi's passengers touched land only at noon, five hours after the ship reached the breakwater from Beirut, and very late for their scheduled tour of Jerusalem.

Edwin Luft, whose Daka Travel Service represents the English firm that chartered the Delphi, said this was hardly the way to encourage tourism. Asked to comment, deputy port manager Yoav Yassur said berths had been unavailable due to heavy pressure of freight and citrus exports. He regretted that the launch service, run by a concessionaire, had been slowed by high winds.

The Delphi finally got a berth at 6 p.m. last night.

## Jerusalem man killed in crash

RAMLE — A 37-year-old Jerusalem man, Trager Zinobi, was killed Sunday evening when his car collided with a truck on the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem road. Two passengers in his car were slightly injured.

His car hit the truck, which was coming out of a side road onto the main highway. (Itim)

## Katzir receives Modi'in torch

The traditional Modi'in Hanukkah torch, kindled yesterday morning at the tombs of the Maccabees, was delivered by runners of the Maccabi Hatzair movement to President Ephraim Katzir in Jerusalem in the evening.

Memahm Savidor of the Maccabi Hatzair executive was given the honour this year of handing the torch over to the President. Along the route the runners passed through all hospitals and convalescent centres where wounded IDF soldiers are to be found.

Greeting the runners, President Katzir said that when the Maccabees raised the banner of revolt they were relatively much weaker than Israel is today. "But they defeated the strongest power in the region at that time."

At the torch-lighting ceremony in Modi'in yesterday morning, some 70 students from Upan Akiva in Netanyahu took part, including new immigrants, tourists and a number of Arab students from Judea and Samaria.

On the way to Jerusalem, the runners stopped off at Netanyahu's Independence Square, where they were received by Mayor Oved Ben-Ami and Maccabee officials. (Itim)

## 'Only 28 PoWs still alive in Syrian captivity'

TEL AVIV — Egyptian sources in Geneva say there are only 28 Israeli prisoners left alive in Syria, Uri Avnery, M.K., told a press conference here yesterday following his return as an unofficial observer at last week's talks.

Mr. Avnery, leader of Meir-Ha'olam Hahaz, said the sources told him the Egyptians had learned this from the Syrian chief of staff. The Egyptians were "very angry" over the apparent slaughter of many Israeli PoWs, the sources allegedly said.

Shortly after arriving in Geneva, Mr. Avnery said, he was invited to meet with a Soviet Foreign Ministry official, who told him that Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasser Arafat was prepared to discuss the setting up of a Palestinian state in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. The Soviets supported such an idea, Mr. Avnery said. He added that this represented a total revolution in the stance of the PLO, which until now had demanded the liquidation of Israel.

Mr. Avnery said Soviet-Israeli relations were now reaching a turning point. The Soviets wanted to "normalize" their relations with Israel, he said. The Soviet official told him that Russia was prepared to resume diplomatic ties with Israel as soon as the disengagement of Israel and Egyptian forces started. (Itim)

## Three deportees move to Beirut

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
Three of the eight West Bank and East Jerusalem political activists who were deported to Jordan two weeks ago have left Amman to settle in Beirut, West Bank sources reported yesterday.

The sources said one of the three was the former mayor of El-Bireh, Abdul-Jawad Saleh. The three said they did not want to remain in Jordan for political reasons. It is learned that the Jordanian Government offered monetary grants to the eight exiles, but that only some of them have accepted.

SOME 54,000 immigrants will have arrived in this country by the year's end next week, the head of the Jewish Agency's Immigration Department, Uzi Narkiss, announced in Jerusalem yesterday. Last year's immigration figure was 56,000.

# Aluf Gonen sues 'Ha'aretz' for libel

HAIFA — Aluf Shmuel Gonen, OAC Southern Command during the Yom Kippur War, has filed a \$110,000 libel suit against the newspaper "Ha'aretz" for printing a report that alleged he was responsible for the failure to create a fire shield over the Suez Canal during the Egyptian crossing on October 6.

The claim, filed in the District Court here, refers to a dispatch sent by an "Ha'aretz" correspondent in Paris, quoting an article which appeared in the Paris weekly "Le Nouvel Observateur." The article alleged that Aluf Gonen was responsible for the tanks being empty.

"The article," the plaintiff's brief states, "quotes Defence Minister Moshe Dayan as blaming Aluf Gonen for the mishap, and alleged-

ly telling him: 'You deserve to be shot for this.' The brief terms the allegations "a travesty of justice," and demands that the newspaper "Ha'aretz" apologize for the article, and to make him an innocent of the charges. The purpose of the article, it says, was to "incite the public against Gonen" and to make him an object of hatred and contempt.

It notes that "Ha'aretz" had a letter from one of Gonen's attorneys protesting the article, saying its contents had merely reported what "Le Nouvel Observateur" had said without checking the authenticity of the story.

"Ha'aretz" has not yet a defence brief. Representing Aluf Gonen is Moshe Dayan, and alleged-

Moked (New Left-Communist) yesterday promised to vote in the Knesset for an Alignment government that did not contain Prime Minister Meir. Defence Minister Dayan or Minister without Portfolio Galili.

Shulamit Aloni, head of the Movement for Citizens Rights, warned against "illusions that the territories are part of Israel. These areas are just being held until peace comes," he said.

Yitzhak Raphael (National Religious Party) told a rally in Jerusalem's Ramat Hashikol quarter that Israel should turn down the Jordanian "separation of forces" proposal. (Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Alon on Saturday said the idea should be seriously considered.) The River Jordan already separates the forces, he said, and there is no need for any further disengagement.

Shmuel Tamir (Free Centre-Left) charged yesterday that the Alignment's real candidate for Prime Minister is Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir. He said Israel's recent military and political failures were but

## First strike since war hits Haifa Port

By YAA'COV FRIEDLER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — The first strike since the war — a slowdown of citrus fruit loads — broke out in the second shift in the port here yesterday afternoon. The men reduced their output by half.

A foreign freighter, due to sail last night with 170,000 cases of citrus for Europe, was held up over night. The six gangs working in the second shift were to have loaded the last 70,000 cases on the ship. Due to the slowdown, they put only 34,000 cases on board, leaving the ship 36,000 cases short.

The slowdown broke out over a mobility dispute. The management had assigned several crane operators and signalmen to the second shift, though they were to have worked in the morning shifts, while the men prefer. Deputy Port Manager Yoav Yassur noted that the works committees had agreed to the mobility moves during the present emergency, in order to make possible more efficient exploitation of existing manpower.

The management and the Labour Council were taken by surprise. Council secretary Eliezer Molk said he would take the matter up first thing this morning. (Citrus exports, page 2.)

## Nearly 80% have confidence in Dayan

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV — The majority of the public has confidence in Moshe Dayan as Defence Minister.

The latest Dahaf public opinion poll shows that 48.32 per cent of the public has "much confidence" in Dayan as Defence Minister. Another 30.45 per cent is confident to a lesser degree. Some 7.52 per cent had "little confidence," and 9.32 per cent have "no confidence." There were 4.5 per cent "don't know."

The poll also asked: "If you were asked to choose between two candidates as Defence Minister, who would you choose?" The replies: Dayan or Ailon: Dayan — 80.7 per cent, Ailon — 11.6 per cent, don't know — 7.7 per cent.

Dayan or Bar-Lev: Dayan — 63.4 per cent, Bar-Lev — 23.5 per cent, don't know — 13.1 per cent.

Dayan or Rabin: Dayan — 50.7 per cent, Rabin — 43.3 per cent, don't know — 6 per cent.

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National Youth Aliya Chairman, Hadassah U.S.A.

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# Israeli care justifies Jewish claim to J'lem

AM RABINOVICH  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem, Dec. 24 — The Jewish claim to Jerusalem is justified, according to a report by Am Rabinovich, Jerusalem Post Reporter, who has been in the city for several days. Rabinovich, who is also a member of the Knesset, said that the Jewish claim to Jerusalem is based on the fact that the city has been the center of Jewish life for thousands of years. He said that the Jewish claim to Jerusalem is also based on the fact that the city has been the center of Jewish culture and religion for thousands of years. Rabinovich said that the Jewish claim to Jerusalem is also based on the fact that the city has been the center of Jewish history for thousands of years.

# More phones for Capital

By AARON SITTNER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem's congested phone network is expected to ease up in the coming months, following the inauguration this afternoon of the Capital's newest telephone exchange, the city's fifth.

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# 'Jews abroad coming closer to Zionism'

The recent war marked a turning point in relations between Israel and the Diaspora, and Jews abroad are coming closer to the Zionist viewpoint. This was stated yesterday by acting Jewish Agency head Arye Dulkun at the opening of a seminar at the President's Residence.

Mr. Dulkun said that where, before, there had been a sense of partnership, there was now a feeling that the Jews of Israel and the Diaspora formed one people. Jews in many countries had even come into open and daring conflict with their governments over policy during the recent war.

One part of the Diaspora where all is not well — Latin America — was the subject of another meeting in Jerusalem yesterday, of the Zionist Executive and representatives of the world Zionist movement. The meeting, chaired by Mr. Dulkun, heard warnings that the million Jews of Central and South America were on the way to assimilation, and that they could not be turned towards Zionism by emissaries who copy New Left slogans.

Knesset Member Yitzhak Korn told the meeting that 80 per cent of the Latin Jewish students were indifferent or hostile to Judaism and Zionism. The 21,000 Jewish students in Buenos Aires maintain no Jewish activity at all. A revision in educational methods in Latin America was called for, he said.

Several speakers noted the contrasts between Jewish disarray and Arab organization in Latin America. Avraham Shenkar reported that Latin Arabs held a continent-wide conference at Sao Paulo during the recent war to plan propaganda and education work among their millions of brethren.

# Rishon bank robbed

RISHON LEZION. — A masked bandit armed with a revolver yesterday evening robbed a postal bank here of IL4,000. The man entered the branch post office, in Shikun Hamizrach, at 6 p.m., ordered the lone customer and three clerks behind the counter, and scooped up money from the drawers. He fled on foot.

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Atheists get Christmas blessing from Pope

## SAIGON REVELS AS WAR GOES ON

Thousands of Vietnamese paused from the staggering burden of their war-torn homeland last night to celebrate Christmas Eve.

Despite mounting casualties, fuel and rice shortages and an inflation that has lowered the standard of living, Saigon's 3.4 million population found something to be happy about.

Thousands took to the dimly lit streets of Saigon in a spirit of abandonment, wearing paper hats, shouting, blocking traffic. The energy shortage which forced a curfew in lighting did not dampen their spirits.

Amidst exploding fireworks, soaring balloons, and flowing drinks, the people parted through the night. Bands played and the Vietnamese danced in old French villas.

But far off, on the battlefields, Vietnamese were killing Vietnamese. The South Vietnamese military command reported more than 130 violations of the cease-fire, most of them terrorist attacks and small-scale skirmishes.

In Peking tiny groups of Chinese Christians singing "Silent Night, Holy Night" and "The First Noel" in Chinese joined foreign diplomats and their families at Christmas Eve services.

Christmas is not a festival in China and the Chinese people — one-quarter of mankind — Christmas Day is just another working day.

Pope Paul VI spent Christmas

Even at home in the Vatican and was to have conducted the first midnight mass in St. Peter's Basilica in 29 years. He sent special greetings to atheists and the world's oppressed.

In a Christmas message in the Vatican newspaper "L'Osservatore Romano," the Pope wished special greetings to youth, the poor, the abandoned, the suffering and "all those in chains." The article also sent greetings to "the atheists and non-believers."

From Tokyo to Paris and Berlin shoppers scurried to complete their last minute shopping with stores generally reporting increased sales despite the past years' inflation. Some store managers in Europe and the U.S. noted, however, that expensive items were not selling as well as usual.

For Americans and most Europeans it was a dimmer holiday because of the oil shortage. The Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center in New York had fewer lights this year and the giant tree in front of the City Hall in Copenhagen was without any lights at all.

In Europe, several governments suspended the Sunday driving ban. Motorists in Italy, France and West Germany took to the highways in record numbers and Alpine ski resorts reported heavy bookings. Many persons in West Berlin prepared presents for relatives whom they will visit for the second Christmas in a row in East Berlin. (A.P., U.P., Reuters)

## Gifts in space for the Skylab three

SPACE CENTRE, Houston. — The three Skylab astronauts photographed a partial eclipse of the sun yesterday and prepared some surprise Christmas Eve festivities in their orbital home.

Gerald Carr, William Pogue and Edward Gibson were silent about their Christmas plans. They said only that they would beam a television show to mission control in the evening.

Part of it will show a Christmas tree and other decorations made from odds and ends in the space station. Under the tree are presents which mission control hid in their Apollo command ship before the launching on November 16.

When controllers told the astronauts where the presents were hidden, Pogue said: "If you noticed a big momentum change in the spacecraft, that's because all three guys just clattered into the command module."

Otherwise, it was business as usual yesterday and the astronauts began by pointing their solar cameras at a partial eclipse of the sun.

The path of the eclipse began at sunrise in the Pacific, passed south of Managua, Nicaragua, and then crossed Costa Rica and Colombia. It continued across northern Brazil and the Atlantic Ocean, ending over Algeria.

## THREE DIE IN ULSTER BLAST

## False alarm empties two London stores

LONDON (UPI). — A warning that two Irish Republican Army "Christmas boxes" bombs were about to explode forced thousands of Christmas Eve shoppers to flee London stores yesterday, the police said.

A telephone using a code name given in past bombings told the British news agency, Press Association, that "there are two Christmas boxes — one at Harrod's (the department store in the Knightsbridge area) and one at Austin Reed (the menswear store in Regent Street), to go off at 5.30 p.m."

Police and experts of the 120-man bomb squad — held on maximum alert this Christmas — rushed to the stores and thousands of shoppers and store personnel fled into the street. Flocks of people near Austin Reed also were cleared.

The 5.30 deadline passed without any explosions. Police then searched both stores, but did not find any bombs, a Scotland Yard spokesman said.

In Newry, a Northern Ireland border town, a bomb planted by three armed men exploded in a crowded

Catholic bar yesterday, killing three people and injuring more than 20 others.

Witnesses said the three men walked into the bar, placed the bomb on the counter and shouted a warning. Before anyone could move, however, the bomb exploded.

The men who planted the bomb were believed to have been among the victims of the premature explosion.

The explosion wrecked Malachy Clarke's Bar in Monaghan Street, the town's main shopping centre. One rescue worker described the scene as "unbelievable." He said pieces of bodies were blown across the street.

The bomb attack was the first against a Catholic bar in about three weeks. The extremist Protestant Ulster Volunteer Force, which had claimed responsibility for most of the bombings, had declared a Christmas truce.

A police officer said: "This looks like a wildcat outfit. We certainly hope the Protestants haven't started a campaign again."

## Congressmen ask constituents about impeachment AN OFFER TO 'SAVE' NIXON

By Anthony Sampson

WASHINGTON (UPI). — SENATORS and Congressmen have left Washington for their Christmas holidays. For the next month they will be anxiously finding out, between the turkey and the mince pie, whether their voters want to impeach President Nixon.

When I asked one Congressman whether he would support impeachment, he just licked his finger and put it up to the wind; and that certainly expresses the attitude of most of them. Ever since the sacking of Archibald Cox, the Watergate prosecutor, and the massive and quite unexpected protest of the public — three million messages in all — the politicians have been watching the wind with exceptional care; for they dare not be caught on the wrong tack.

Dr. Gallup, of course, provides a kind of weathercock; and Gallup has recorded an improvement in the President's popularity from 27 per cent at the beginning of November to 31 per cent at the beginning of December (after the beginning of "Operation Candour," and after the revelation of the 18-minute gap in one tape). But every member of Congress, in the words of Republican leader Hugh Scott, is "a walking Gallup poll"; and the answer they receive over Christmas may be more complicated, and worrying.

What most worries the Republican Congressmen is that they can see no end to their train of troubles; and that each new reply from the White House generates a new host of questions. Of course, the attitude of many of them may be disingenuous; it may suit them, quite well, even if they believe the President to be guilty, to proclaim: "I'm sure he is innocent; let him make public the facts"; for it both demonstrates their loyalty and offends their embarrassment. But, ingenuous or not, the demands for disclosure have only deepened the Republicans' difficulties.

They hoped that the details of the President's personal finances would put an end to speculation, but instead they have provided a field-day

for every amateur tax-fiddler in the country and a rich subject of investigation for yet another Congressional committee and for a tax committee in California. It is quite possible that the President may obtain some sympathy from being thus harassed as if he were any other taxpayer, but the trouble is that he has emerged as a non-taxpayer; with tricks which will specially annoy Congressmen — such as not paying state taxes, which they have to (Sam Ervin has already revealed that he paid three times as much Federal tax as the President in 1972).

And his tax returns hardly add to his charms. No man, it is said, is a hero to his tax accountant; and what emerges from Richard Nixon's returns is at best an obnoxious meanness, at worst a defiance of the law.

The Republicans hoped that the question of the tapes would finally be cleared up after the President had given them up to Judge Sirica. Instead, a succession of missing recordings has been uncovered as dramatically as if master-minded by Alfred Hitchcock.

The Republicans hoped — and the President had assured them — that the Watergate prosecutor's task was almost done, and that Cox's successor, Leon Jaworski, would speed it up. Instead, Jaworski has turned out to be more relentless than Cox; as one of his team explained it to me, he's not a fastidious academic like Cox, but a trial lawyer accustomed to winning his cases, and his whole reputation rests on demonstrating his independence from the President. Earlier this month he asked for a third grand jury to deal with further scandals and he now actually has one of his staff inside the White House, going through the relevant files.

Nor is Jaworski likely to be under any restraint from his nominal boss, the new Attorney-General, William French Saxton. In his nomination hearings last week, Saxton pledged himself to honour Jaworski's independence, and said that, if the President ordered



U.N. Emergency Force troops prepare a Christmas tree near a tent where they are stationed in Sinai.

## CABINET MEETING

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gender its own progress on other substantive questions.

Clearly, disengagement talks with Jordan — much more so than disengagement talks with Egypt — would raise the basic questions of policy and "map-making" on the West Bank to which the Government has never yet formally addressed itself. For this reason alone there can be no possibility of beginning such talks until the new government is formed after the elections.

The very fact that these talks are being mooted — in Geneva, in Washington, and now in Jerusalem — is certain to lend last-minute urgency to the territorial debate within the election campaign. It will heighten the difference in outlook on the future of the West Bank between the Labour Alignment and its traditional coalition partner, the NRP, which is committed to Israel's retention of the whole area for historical as well as security reasons.

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there is likely to be opposition to the idea from Defence Minister Ezer Weizman.

He, like the NRP, sees no reason for haste in forging preliminary contacts with Jordan, since the situation on the eastern border has relatively quiet and acts of terror on the West Bank relatively few. The *de facto* peace with Jordan, symbolized by the continued operation of the Jordan river bridges, and the October War, renders Israel-Jordan position fairly static and certainly not as tense as warrant "disengagement talks," Dayan is thought to believe.

At his press conference at the airport yesterday, Mr. Eban was optimistic mood. He said he was light the difference in outlook on the future of the West Bank between the Labour Alignment and its traditional coalition partner, the NRP, which is committed to Israel's retention of the whole area for historical as well as security reasons.

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define impeachment; it really means that the people don't trust him." And it is this that makes the Christmas holidays so especially poignant: while the Congressmen are away, the prayers for the President, they will be asking themselves: "Do we want to impeach him?"

Last resort

Whatever the answer, the actual impeachment process is still on the very last, and unlikely, resort. The House investigation will go ahead, with the help of a million dollars and 31 full-time staff, but the possibility of the Senate actually convicting the President with the necessary two-thirds majority, is still fairly remote. The immediate significance of impeachment hearings is more that they provide background of non-confidence, or step up the pressure on the President to resign.

And if the Republican leaders really decide after Christmas that the President must resign, it is difficult to believe that they cannot for him out. The scenario has already been suggested: a delegation of conservative Republican elders, including Senators Barry Goldwater, Hugh Scott, and James Buckley, would call on the President, and explain to him that if he goes, he can go with dignity; and they can so arrange things that President Ford that he will not be exposed to subsequent prosecution. But that if he stays on, he will imperil his own future. They will, in a phrase, make him an offer he could not refuse.

Would he refuse it? Here we enter the inscrutable area of the President's mind, and the only honest answer is: nobody knows. Just nobody knows until afterwards. For in the last months, many politicians have begun to think of impeachment less and less in terms of its classic definitions, of treason or bribery, of "high crimes and misdemeanours" as described by the Constitution, and much more in terms of general loss of confidence. As one Congressman put it: "You can never



REPORTS IN BRITISH PRESS

# Withdrawal gesture' by Israel predicted

JERUSALEM Post Correspondent LONDON. — Israel will make a gesture to get peace talks on the ground in the New Year, a Guardian reported yesterday. The paper said the form of the withdrawal far beyond the three kilometre disengagement engaged in some quarters, and could be a pullback into Sinai as far as the Mitha Pass, the paper's correspondent in Geneva reports. Israel may do this without maintaining its earlier insistence that Egypt should clear its forces from the east bank of the canal. Israel could, however, want a substantial number of Egyptians to leave and an introduction of an international force. Egypt knows of these in-

tentions but wants to keep a larger tank force in Sinai than the Israelis seem ready to admit at this stage.

"The Times" yesterday quoted "a source close to the Israeli delegation" as saying that Mrs. Meir actually promised Dr. Kissinger last week that there would be a "symbolic withdrawal" of three to five kilometres immediately after the elections. But the paper says the Egyptians deny any knowledge of such a promise.

None the less, the paper says that "it looks as though negotiations are going on behind the scenes so that a draft agreement can be ready for ratification as soon as the election is over."

## Soviet says it won't take migrants back

OSCOV (AP). — The Soviet Union did over the weekend that it does not intend to welcome back Russian Jews who emigrated and now want to return.

About 250 Soviet Jews who left after migrating there, had been living in poor conditions in Vienna, petitioning for the right to return to Russia. Some have been living as long as two years for travel documents.

Earlier this month about 40 of these people forced their way into the Soviet consulate and stayed for 3 1/2 hours, demanding re-entry as their demands were not met. In a Tass commentary on Sunday, Leonid Brezhnev said that there were groups of Soviet Jews in Vienna, Brussels and Istanbul, trying to get back into the Soviet Union. "I should be reminded that the Soviet Union did not compel anyone to leave this country, but neither does it intend to admit back those who did not want to live in the U.S.S.R. in the first place."

"All those who decided to leave for Israel and, accordingly, had lost Soviet citizenship, were timely and clearly warned that they might find themselves in a grave situation, that the actual realities that would face them in the so-called 'promised land' had nothing to do with the Zionist fables."

Blaming the Israeli Government for the plight of the Soviet Jews, the commentator declared that "it is precisely Tel Aviv's false propaganda and promises that are persistently urging Jewish families, including those in the U.S.S.R., to leave for Israel, although the Israeli authorities know very well that they are unable to provide the immigrants with normal living conditions."

## NUMERY CANCELS CAIRO VISIT

IRO (UPI). — Sudanese President Numeiry has cancelled scheduled stopovers in Cairo and Khartoum for "pressing reasons," the newspaper said yesterday. Numeiry was originally due to fly to Cairo on Sunday on his way to the Vatican City to Khartoum, was to have briefed Sadat on a meeting of African leaders with Pope Paul on the future of Jerusalem. Numeiry and three other African leaders, including Hailu Selassie, saw the Pope.

## Belgium denies report on plane attacks

BRUSSELS (Reuter). — A senior Belgian police official yesterday denied that his force had information about a plan for Palestinian terrorists to attack West German airliners over Christmas. "I fear it is just sensational reporting," he said. He was commenting on reports in West Germany and elsewhere that Belgian police warned their German colleagues over the weekend that terrorists might attack German planes during Christmas, possibly using Soviet-made Sam-7 portable missiles.

## Squeeze the U.S. even more, says Egyptian paper

CAIRO (UPI). — The semi-official newspaper "Al-Ahram" said yesterday that "Arab countries should escalate their oil pressures on America and begin a campaign to harass the U.S. dollar, despite the opening of the Geneva peace conference."

"The climate at the opening session of the Geneva conference fully justifies Arab countries in maintaining the use of their weapons of economic pressure against America," the newspaper said.

"The use of these weapons should be escalated, not merely by cutting oil production or raising oil prices, but by using Arab financial deposits to start a battle against the dollar," the newspaper added.

The editorial coincided with the scheduled opening in Kuwait today of a conference of Arab oil ministers, summoned to assess the results of using Arab oil as a political weapon.

"It will be difficult to work out a settlement of the crisis in relations between the oil producers and the oil consumers, as long as the Middle East crisis is not solved," the newspaper said.

"The cause of peace is indivisible," it added.

## Nine rockets hit Phnom Penh

PHNOM PENH (Reuter). — Cambodian insurgents yesterday fired nine rockets into Phnom Penh, killing or wounding at least six people. The attack followed a similar assault yesterday when three people were killed and three wounded when three rockets hit the city.

Two rockets today exploded near the French and South Korean embassies. The others landed near important government buildings.

Military sources said the barrage seemed to indicate the insurgents had decided to put greater pressure on the city. They have cut all road links with the rest of the country in recent weeks.

The sources say they believe the Communist-led guerrillas may next try to halt supply convoys coming up the Mekong river, probably early next year.

Food prices in Phnom Penh have soared in the past few days and there have been reports that the government is diverting foodstuffs from agricultural areas to the capital.

# World-wide recession, higher costs predicted FEARS AS OIL PRICE RISES

LONDON (Reuter). — The giant jump in the price of crude oil led today to grave predictions of widespread economic recession and the likelihood of painful rises in the cost of living.

Industrial nations, already hard-hit by an energy crisis aggravated by Arab oil cutbacks, gave gloomy assessments of the decision by the six major oil-producing states in the Gulf to more than double their prices, starting in a week's time.

The move, to put market prices at around seven dollars a barrel, announced Sunday, is likely to earn them about \$25,000 million (£2,500,000 million) in 1974.

But the consequences for developed nations, as well as Third World countries on the road to industrialisation, will probably be severe economic dislocation, experts warned.

This will take the form of hefty price rises for consumer goods, growing unemployment, body blows to balances of payments and the shaky world monetary structure and shattered dreams of economic growth.

The experts were echoing the prediction of the Shah of Iran, who said after announcing the price increases that the era of cheap oil was over, the dominance of the industrial West will wane and western nations will have to "tighten their belts."

This is how various countries reacted to the news yesterday:

● Tokyo — The stock market fell steeply, heavy dollar sales were needed to defend the yen, and the petroleum federation said Japan could be the heaviest hit nation — with the oil bill for 1974 possibly exceeding \$8,000 million. Japan, already under a declared state of energy emergency, is likely to have only

2.5 per cent economic expansion which, by Japanese standards, would be a recession.

● London — Experts predicted an increase of up to £1,000 million a year in the balance of payments deficit, one per cent added to the cost of living and petrol pushed beyond 50 pence a gallon. The news also spurred plans for developments of Britain's offshore oilfields.

● Bonn — West Germany, Europe's biggest importer of Middle East oil, is likely to lose the very modest one per cent expansion set by the council of economic advisers last week — resulting in recession. Price increases running at seven per cent a year are likely to go up sharply.

● Brussels — The Commission of the nine-nation Common Market estimated that a prolonged oil crisis could double the number of unemployed in the community and plunge Western Europe into its worst recession since World War Two. It is also likely to add to strains in the community which have appeared over the total oil embargo the Arabs have put on Holland and affect the already bruised EEC goal of economic and monetary union.

● Washington — The U.S., which produces some 90 per cent of the oil it uses, probably will be the least affected western country, but the decisions will reinforce American determination to become self-sufficient in energy, and one leading economist predicted the cost of living would rocket and that a recession was on the way.

● Paris — Economic observers forecast an increase of 10 per cent in petrol prices and two per cent in the cost of living.

● New Delhi — The five-year economic plan in India, where millions already live in poverty, will be left in tatters, observers predicted. Newspapers said the country's oil bill will double and a negative growth rate will ensue.

● Rome — Some \$1,400 million will be added to the balance of payments, one leading oil man said. Papers urged a dialogue with oil-producing nations to see if they would be paid in non-cash terms such as increased technological aid.

● Stockholm — Trade Minister Kjell-Olof Feldt said Sweden should prepare themselves for higher prices. Newspapers forecast a 40 per cent rise in petrol prices.

● Johannesburg — Economic Affairs Minister Lourens Swart said all facets of the South African economy — which gets 40 per cent of its crude from Iran — will be affected. Petrol rationing will probably be introduced on March 1, he said. But the country has big fuel reserves and more than two-thirds of its energy needs are met by huge coal deposits.

● The Hague — Holland, hit by a blanket Arab oil embargo, will have to pay nearly \$500 million more for its oil, industry experts said. Prime Minister Joop Den Uyl said the effects would be "grave." But he also predicted prices of natural gas — which Holland has in abundance — will ultimately become as high as oil. Oil hoarding has been reported.

Ministers from Kuwait and Libya termed the new Gulf prices "reasonable, fair and just, not only to ourselves but to the consumers too."

## French arms exports up by \$652m.

PARIS (INA). — Most French arms exported in 1973 went to Arab countries, according to official statistics made public here.

The annual government report shows a sharp increase in the sale of French arms abroad, with a 3 billion franc (\$652 million) increase over 1972's total.

Aeronautics registered the greatest increase with a total of 4,500 francs (\$873 million) and the report indicates that the biggest buyers were the Arab nations. Saudi Arabia, for example, is reported to have purchased many Mirage combat jets.

All the Arab countries excepting the belligerents, Egypt, Jordan and Syria, which France has put under embargo, purchased ground to ground anti-tank missiles from France in 1973.

As for naval or electronic ground weapons, whose sales totalled 2,500 million francs (\$485 million) in 1973, Saudi Arabia was France's biggest customer with its purchase of tanks and artillery.

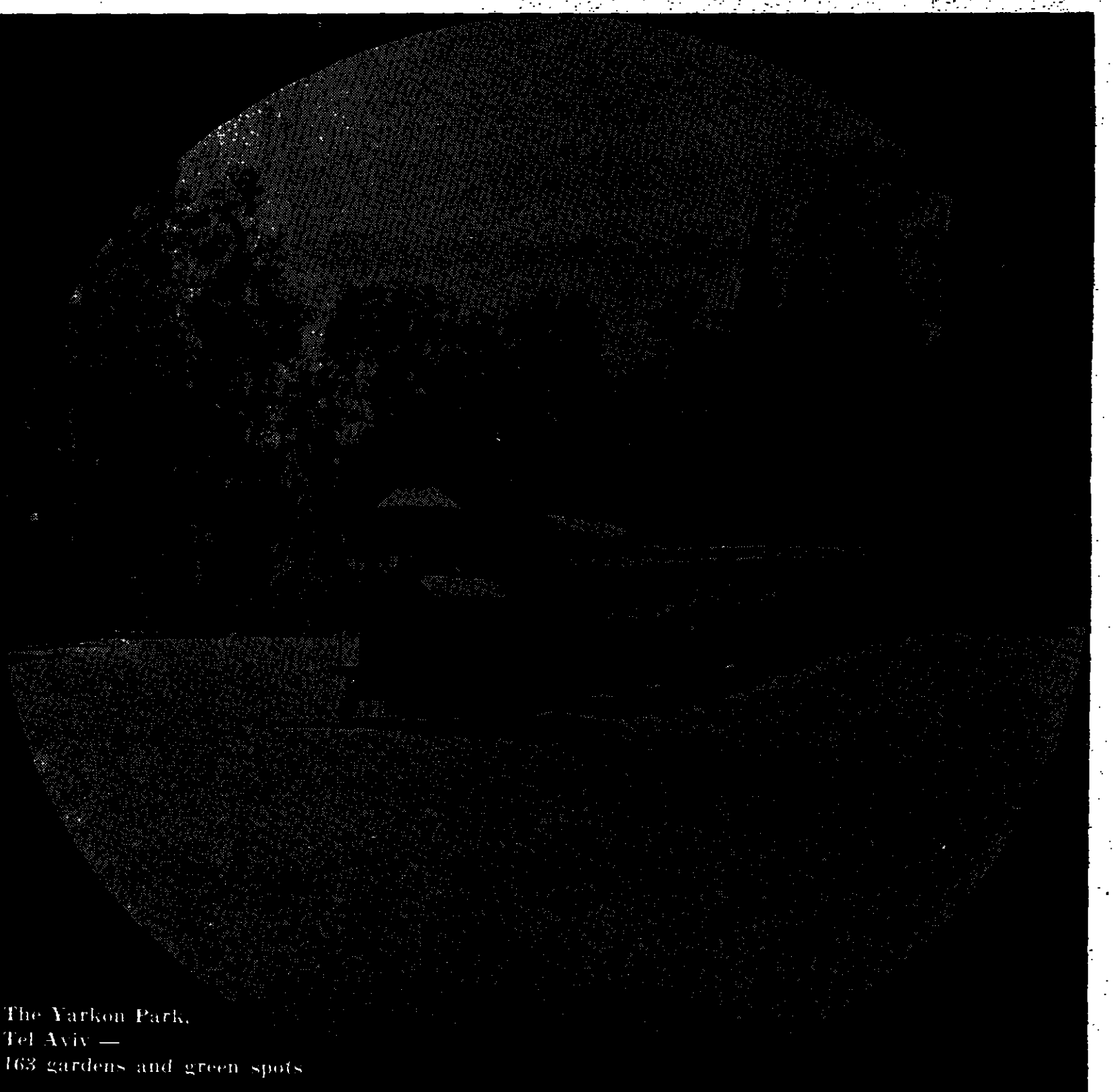
## Bomb defused in Milan store

MILAN (UPI). — Police yesterday defused a time bomb in a big department store crowded with Christmas shoppers. It was the 10th bomb in the city in two days.

Police said they believed the bombs may have been planted by right-wing extremists because one of the targets was the premises of a leftist organization.

They said they also were investigating the possibility that the explosives were the work of a mentally deranged person acting without motive, or were part of a criminal extortion plot.

# THE MAYOR IS A MAN OF ACTION AND NOT A TELLER OF TALES



The Yarkon Park, Tel Aviv — 163 gardens and green spots



Schoolchildren from Carmel College, Berkshire, take part in a Hanukkah service outside the Soviet Embassy in London, held to urge the Russians to free 37 Jews held in labour camps. The service, which was inter-denominational, included freedom songs and Christmas carols. (AP radiophoto)

## 120 spend a cold night at Moscow airport

MOSCOW (UPI). — Soviet officials forced about 120 airline passengers to spend 24 hours in an unheated transit lounge at a Moscow airport when their plane broke down. Western diplomats said yesterday. They said temperatures dropped to seven degrees during the night but Soviet authorities refused to move the passengers into a hotel. "The Soviets persist in refusing to give transit visas on weekends when passengers are stranded here," one diplomat said. "We will continue to press the Soviets to civilize their procedures." Diplomats said the passengers came to Moscow from London at 5 p.m. Saturday aboard a BOAC flight to Tokyo.

They said the BOAC plane was unable to continue the flight because of mechanical trouble. Bad weather prevented BOAC from getting another plane to Moscow until Sunday afternoon.

Morale was pretty low by Sunday morning, one diplomat said. This sort of thing has happened before, but never with such a large group that I can recall.

He said Soviet officials told the passengers there was not enough room for them at an airport hotel, so they had to sleep in the transit lounge and take their meals there.

## Soviet treatment of Panovs rapped

NEW YORK (INA). — The "New York Times" deplored the "inhuman offer" of the Soviet Government to allow ballet dancer Valery Panov to leave for Israel without his wife, in an editorial yesterday. The "Times" concluded: "Detente is a welcome and necessary ideal between the superpowers. But unless it is translated to the human level — to rights and freedom that are not merely internal matters but must leap across borders to achieve reality — hypocrisy and distrust will remain. Human lives and marriages cannot be traded — the Panovs should be freed." (Unconfirmed reports from London said yesterday that both the Panovs had been given permission to leave the Soviet Union.)

## THE WOMAN BEHIND GEORGES POMPIDOU

# FRANCE'S GREY FEMINENCE

By JACK MAURICE Jerusalem Post Correspondent PARIS. — The news would probably make General de Gaulle turn in his grave, but according to the press here, France is being run by a woman. Marie-France Garaud's title is "technical adviser at the presidency" but unofficially she is described as "the grey eminence at the Elysee Palace."

A trained lawyer married to a minister, and mother of two children, Marie-France joined the political secretariat of then Premier Georges Pompidou in 1967. Her power became evident after Pompidou became President, and she is generally credited with having brought about the downfall of her Jacques Chaban-Delmas, a time when the President and her Pierre Messmer are criticized for inertia and lack of decision.

Marie-France has obtained growing authority to the extent that she telephones ministers directly with instructions and bawls out Gaullist deputies for their poor parliamentary attendance. A general appointment with Pompidou is usually vetted first by Marie-France.

She is sought by Gaullist deputies who have worked out that one hour in her office in the Elysee Palace listening to her "advice" could be rewarded by a 10-minute meeting with the President himself.

Since last March, her star has risen to the extent that she is giving orders in her own name, and they are being slavishly followed by the Gaullist Party faithfuls.

According to the weekly "Nouvel Observateur" today, the telephone "bugging" reports all land up on her desk. "She knows how to punish the Gaullist faithful," the weekly remarked.

The weekly said that at a recent Gaullist congress, she told the state-run television service ORTF: "Forget about the speech made by Jacques Chaban-Delmas, concentrate on the speech by Jacques Chirac." Chirac is a youthful minister tipped to succeed Messmer.

Politically she is looked on as a "hard rightist" believing reforms have to come by slow degrees.

The mass circulation "Paris Match" called her "Richelieu in skirts" — Cardinal Richelieu was a great 16th century French statesman who built up "royal absolutism" — a doctrine that Marie-France might well believe would suit Pompidou.

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## A WORD TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED UP

### YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR OWN FUTURE

The Government, led by Hama'arach, has presented in the Knesset a "Bill of Rights for the Released Soldier," which will cover the following points:

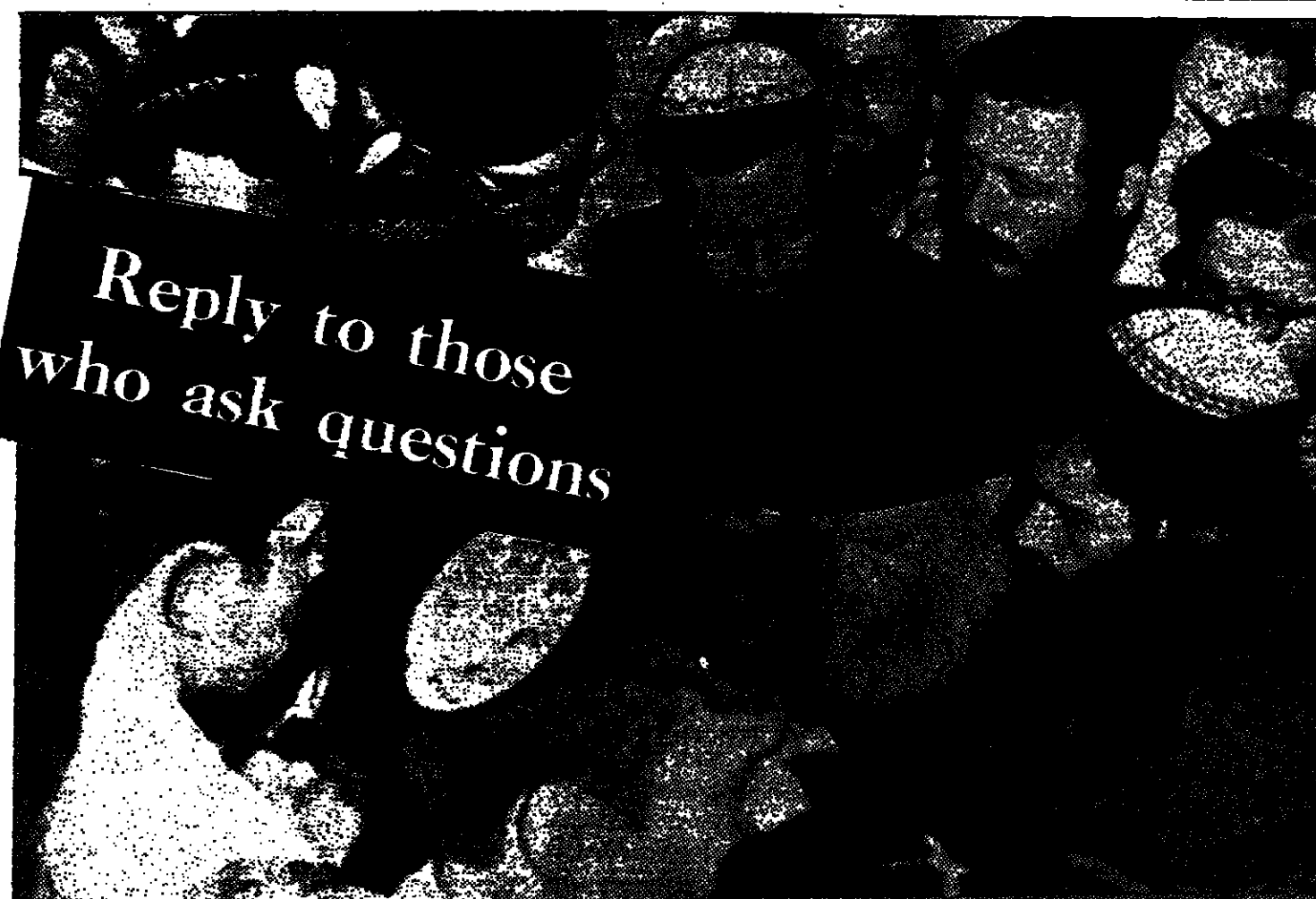
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- The right of those released from Zahal of returning to their previous job
- The right of completing secondary education at the State's expense
- Priority in the allocation of places at institutes of higher learning
- The right of obtaining an academic education at the State's expense
- The right of assistance from the State in completing vocational training

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Reply to those  
who ask questions

### WORDS OF THE GAON, RABBI ZVI YEHUDA HACHOEN KOOK

Following the acceptance and publication of the decision obligating our public representatives in the 2 List — on the basis of their traditional sharing of the burden of national responsibility — to reject any concession, G-d forbid, of any parts of Eretz Israel, the heritage of our forefathers, it is now clear and obvious to all Jews who believe in the fulfilment of the word of G-d, his Tora and his mitzvot, through his people and his heritage. That they should vote 2 in the coming elections. The 2 List stands for sanctifying God's name through the sanctity of our state.

In anticipation of seeing complete salvation in the holy majesty of his great name, which he has bestowed on us, in the eyes of the whole world

Zvi Yehuda Hachoen Kook



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**YOHANAN BOEHM**

**Packed hall for cellist  
Michael Maisky  
plays Dvorak**

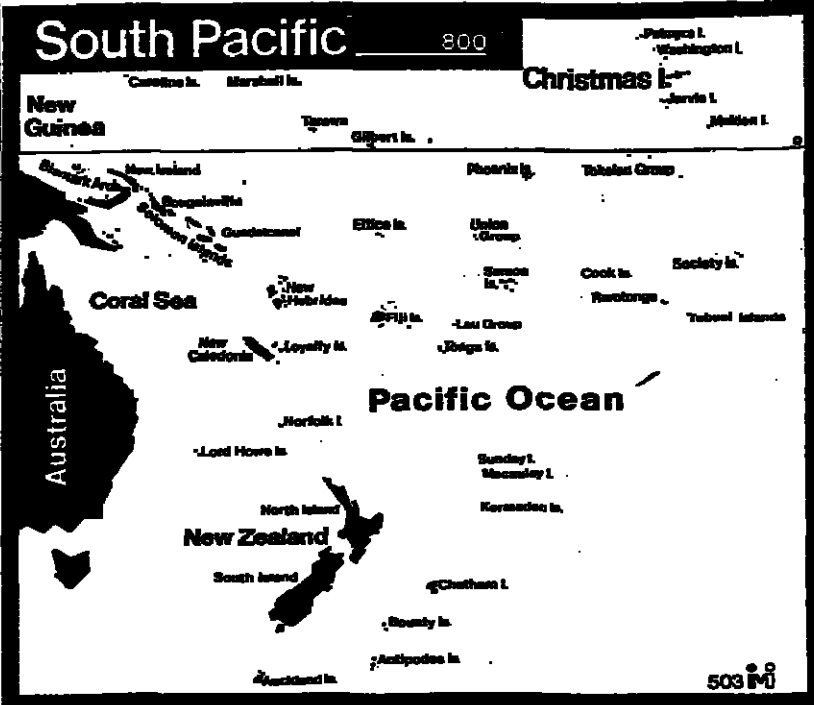
Michael Maisky was the soloist in Dvorak's Cello Concerto at Tuesday's symphonic programme of the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, dedicated to the works of Dvorak under the direction of Lukas Foss. The cellist earned a huge success with the capacity audience for his performance which began displayed his total commitment to music. His nervousness occasionally handicaps smooth presentation, but it is probably this nervous tension which gives his performance its specific vitality and interest. An artist like Maisky, who struggles so earnestly for articulation and technical perfection, will eventually overcome all shortcomings, satisfy his self-criticism and achieve complete recognition from a discriminating public which has already accepted him as a most promising talent. The programme which began with the "Carnival" Overture and the Eighth Symphony (see review of Dec. 21) ended with two Slavonic Dances which the public enjoyed and heartily applauded. It was a long evening of popular but beautiful music and, though it suffered from slightly less than satisfactory performance in some of the conductor's often erratic direction, the concert closed on a positive note (Dec. 18).

registers always shows taste, her technical execution is smooth and clean and her tempo is dependable. There is constant underplaying of the bass-line which may be the result of the organ's build. The absence of a real 32-foot-register is a technical shortcoming which makes one miss the full impact of organ sound.

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MANY Jerusalemites resisted the temptation to hear the "Messiah" again — this time presented by a visiting American group — and instead went to the Khan for its traditional chamber music. They were amply compensated by the performance of the members of the "Yulval" Trio — Jonathan Zak, Uri Planka and Simcha Edel. Beethoven's C minor-trio (op. 10 No. 3) was given an expert handling and sounded refreshing in its lively and precise performance. In contrast, the ever-attractive classic, Daniel Shostakovich's "Divertimento" No. 2 does not claim to be profound; its purpose is to entertain and to amuse. It is so obviously demonstrated that no one can find any fault with this intention. The three artists gave the piece a completely appropriate rendition.

Smetsana only wrote one piano trio and that at the beginning of his composing career. It is, together with a string quartet, his only essay into chamber music. His great talent definitely lay in other genres — opera and symphonic poems. There are many spots of clumsy writing, uninspired transitions, too obvious imitations of Brahms, but the work is so full of lovely Bohemian melodies and of the composer's attractive musicality, that one is grateful to have heard this so rarely performed trio especially since the Yulval Trio played with so much vigour and involvement (Dec. 22).



The Peace Satellite is stationed above Christmas Island (upper right).

**Educational programmes beamed from space  
Pacific islands linked  
by 'Peace Satellite'**

By GLEN WRIGHT  
HONOLULU — The world's only space satellite being used for community development is stationed above Christmas Island in mid-Pacific.

The satellite, called Peace-Sat, was formerly a U.S. military weather observer. When its ability to take and transmit photographs ended, Dr.

John Bystrom, Professor of Communications at the University of Hawaii, suggested using what power remained in it to link educational and public institutions in the Pacific basin.

In 1970 the project was approved and, directed by Dr. Bystrom, got under way financed initially by the University's Innovative Programme.

Before long 10 ground terminals had been established in Polynesia, Melanesia and Micronesia. Fifteen more are planned.

Funds are provided by the state of Hawaii, Unesco, the Carnegie Corporation and the McKenzie Foundation of New Zealand. The U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration agreed to the use of the satellite without charge.

Peace-Sat objectives are to upgrade the quality of life in the Pacific by providing intercommunication between educational, health and community services. It makes possible instant dialogue between areas and institutions which would otherwise be outside the mainstream of modern social development. The scattered and isolated islanders can now keep up with change.

Criteria for use of the system are: (1) mutual benefit — one-way dissemination of information is prohibited; (2) definite educational or social purpose; (3) only non-profit-making organizations may use the system.

During its relatively short life Peace-Sat has communicated a wide variety of exchanges.

Doctors of the Pacific Research Section of the National Institute of Health consult with doctors at the National Library of Medicine at Bethesda, Maryland, USA. The Hawaiian Co-operative Extension Service conducts seminars with its agricultural agents all over the Pacific basin.

The world's first regularly scheduled class of instruction via satellite was carried between two Hawaiian islands in June 1971. Since then there have been constant inter-island seminars on English, Indonesian, Spanish, political science, mathematics, music, accounting, physics, journalism, oceanography, computer science, drama, urban planning and zoology. The latter concerned the Crown of Thorns starfish which is destroying coral reefs in various parts of the Pacific and Indian oceans. Participants were researchers from Hawaii, New Zealand and Fiji.

The range of transmission extends north to include Alaska, south well past the tip of South America, east to the Caribbean and west to mid-Australia. (Gems)

**'YOU WERE THE ONE WHO GAVE ME WATER'  
Proof for Swedish journalists:  
Syrian wasn't 'bumped-off'**

By ZEEV SCHUL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

THIS week's Christmas issue of a popular Stockholm weekly, called "Look", features as its centrepiece the story of Ahmed Jijo, 25, a Syrian tank-gunner (loader) from El Hader village near Aleppo, who is a prisoner alive and well in Israel — and lucky. In better times, Ahmed used to be the owner of a small farm and some head of sheep. But he was mobilised a few years ago — "and they forgot all about me and kept me on."

Ahmed Jijo's story began on the morning of October 12, near Khirbet Amaba some 13 kms. off the Kuneitra-Damascus road just over the 1967 cease-fire line. A group of journalists, including a Swedish and a Swiss and the Swedish representative of the Illustrated weekly, were given what conducting officers of the Press Liaison Office irreverently refer to as "the grand tour" of the Golan Heights. At that time a full fledged artillery exchange was still going on north of the area — but also including occasional salvos straddling the Kuneitra road, including the Khirbet Amaba area.

The journalists were accompanied by Eilat Amiel, known to his many friends and acquaintances as "Hushe". Hushe was to play the main "supporting role" in Ahmed Jijo's life.

There were some charred Syrian T-55 tanks lying a short distance below. From one of them came the sound of a voice. In Arabic. It sounded as if someone had forgotten to shut the wireless off — one of those eerie sounds one does come across on battlefields.

**WANTED WATER**  
The four men clambered across the black lava rocks to investigate. They did so they saw something waving at them from underneath the tank. It was the charred hand of Ahmed Jijo, waving back and forth like a pendulum. Ahmed — in a near-delirium — was talking to himself most of the time. "Mayya — bidde mayya" he said. (Water — I want some water).

At first it looked as though Ahmed were trapped beneath the tank but with the help of two husky sergeants fetched by Hushe, they were able to extricate the man. He looked in pitiful shape. His hands and face were badly burned and one of his legs was also twisted at an unnatural angle.

Hushe gave him his water flask. The Syrian soldier raised it to his lips and drained it. Then lay back relaxed and slipped into unconsciousness again.

The two sergeants were arguing. To the journalists, it seemed as if they were arguing about what to do with the man. As one of the journalists was to record: "We were sure they intended to bump him off as soon as they carried him out of our sight. Nobody would pay much attention to another shot in the area which was, after all, still under artillery fire."

This was also the gist of what one of the team-members of another "Look" party which came to Israel a fortnight or so ago said. "We didn't write what we thought only because our paper is Jewish-owned," he said at a reunion with

Hushe a day or so later. Hushe protested. It didn't do much good. He was listened to sympathetically, but without conviction.

So Hushe set out on a private search of the military hospitals and prisoner of war camps on his own. His list of dates and facts eventually narrowed the choice down to half a dozen, and then finally to one Syrian soldier: none other than Ahmed Jijo, who came limping out of cell No. 3 in the military prison the other day to look at Hushe and the Swedish journalists.

"I know, you. You were the one who gave me the water," he said, looking at Hushe.

Ahmed Jijo, back on his feet, is a tall, powerfully built man, about 25 years of age. He told the journalists his version of what happened. The Syrian soldiers were never told there was going to be a war. They advanced during the night of October 5.

**LEFT BY FRIENDS**  
On Sunday about 7 o'clock in the morning there was a fierce kind of blow on the left side of the tank. Everything was filled with smoke. The tank commander was killed. I opened the turret hatch and tried to get out but there were planes attacking us and much shooting and I slid down and closed the hatch again. But then the tank began to burn and ammunition exploded. I managed to slide out and fell for the first time this terrible

pain in my leg, my hands and on my face. The tank stopped burning and I crawled underneath it for better protection.

"About five o'clock in the afternoon that same day two Syrian soldiers walked past. I recognised them. Both were my friends and in the same unit. They would not, however, take me with them and left me only a few unopened tins of beans and biscuits. I couldn't eat the biscuits because my mouth was burned inside as well as outside. I even tried to open those tins with my teeth to get at the liquid. But I couldn't."

"I slept and woke and slept again. And each time I awoke I knew I was going to die. This time or maybe the next. Then you came. I remember you. You gave me the water."

Ahmed Jijo, married and proud father of a son, hopes to be able to return to his farm soon. He still has one foot in a cast. But it doesn't bother him. And he can't forget the taste of that water.

For the two sergeants who brought him to a first aid station, carrying him all the way in a fireman's grip. That was what the argument and been about — whether they would have to use a stretcher, which was inconvenient in that boulder-strewn area, or "improvising."

"One Israeli sergeant is the equivalent of a platoon. Two are a mass meeting," the narrator, himself a sergeant, who had served in the north, said.

**If party becomes a coalition partner again...  
NRP WANTS BIGGER ROLE  
IN CABINET MAKE-UP**

By SARAH HONIG  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

**TEL AVIV.** — One of the N.R.P.'s Knesset candidates, Mr. Pinhas Sheinman, told *The Jerusalem Post* that if no party gets a majority in the forthcoming elections and if the N.R.P. is again sought as a coalition partner, it will wish to influence the make-up of the Cabinet and the allocation of portfolios — not only as far as its own party members are concerned.

Mr. Sheinman, who has been heading the Tel Aviv Religious Council or the past 15 years and who is also head of the National Union of Religious Councils, is on the 24th slot of the N.R.P.'s Knesset list.

He said that the N.R.P. would like to have a say on which Labour Alignment member gets which portfolio. In the past the N.R.P. was merely concerned with bearing portfolios for its own ministers and making agreements on religious issues. It is thought that the N.R.P.'s desire to influence the make-up of the government stems particularly from the wish to see that the left-wing Alignment "doves" do not gain too much control and possibly even oust Prime Minister Meir and Defence Minister Dayan. Having decided in its platform to oppose the re-division of western

Israel, the N.R.P. is believed not to want to be a partner in a too dovish cabinet.

According to Mr. Sheinman, the main reason the N.R.P. is still in the government "is the need to contain all these people to the left of Golda and Dayan. With the Geneva Conference now on, and the fact that highly important decisions are in the offing, we feel that we would be neglecting our national duty to step out of the coalition now. If not for this, we might well have walked out of the coalition," he said.

"A great deal of bitterness has been building up among N.R.P. members in view of the growing number of recent differences between us and the Labour Alignment," he said. "Relations between these two coalition partners have been growing more and more sour over the past few months. Labour has not been treating us as it should. Our suggestions for a War Cabinet, for a Ministerial Defence Committee, for a car-less Sabbath for all, were all turned down in a very unbecoming manner and we are frankly angry."

Mr. Sheinman said that if both major parties get roughly the same number of votes, there is no telling which way the N.R.P. will go. "We are in nobody's pocket and our options are fully open," he said. This,

he emphasized, goes as much for the municipal as for the national coalition.

If elected, Mr. Sheinman will be the first representative of Israel's Religious Councils in the Knesset. He told *The Jerusalem Post* that the Religious Councils have been extremely active during and in the aftermath of the war, their duties being both happy and sad.

The most pressing and happier job, it seems, were marrying all the couples who had planned their weddings for October, but had to postpone them due to the war. Most of the post-war weddings have been quiet and modest, he noted. Many couples who might earlier have held ostentatious celebrations, now come to the Rabbinate for a simple religious ceremony. This has upset the wedding hall proprietors, and put the Religious Council in a predicament since it could not cope with the demand during the early evening hours when the marriage ceremonies were usually held. In addition, many of the bridegrooms were soldiers on a very short leave, often arranged on the intervention of the Rabbinate. It became necessary to marry couples off whenever they came, and so the Council announced that it would be open for weddings around the clock.

Nevertheless, Mr. Sheinman reports the total number of weddings this year will be a good deal smaller than last year, possibly partly as a result of the war. As against a total of 6,923 weddings in Tel Aviv in 1972, there will probably be no more than 6,154 weddings in 1973. In October there were some 330 fewer weddings than in October, 1972. November 1973 lagged behind November 1972 by 40 weddings and December of this year will have some 50 fewer weddings here as against last year.

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Are you willing to accept a territorial compromise, in order to further the chances of peace? YES OR NO?

Have you abandoned your opposition to resolutions 242 and 333, without which there would be no Geneva Conference?

**YES OR NO?**

Will you propose that Israel withdraw from the Geneva Conference, which is based on resolutions 242 and 333?

**YES OR NO?**

Do you believe it is possible to stand on a "not one inch" position, without drawing Israel into war? YES OR NO?

We hope Gahal will have the courage to give straightforward answers to these essential questions — before Election Day — December 31.

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## VOTE-AGAINST SYNDROME

THE remark most commonly heard about the approaching elections is that they should not have been held at this time, when the attention of the public is directed towards more serious matters. Our form of democracy is imperfect, but we cannot afford to treat it with quite such contempt.

The proportional system based on party lists becomes increasingly unsatisfactory as the individual political parties become older, because the system of self-perpetuating lists causes what might be termed a political hardening of the arteries to set in, with the parties suffocating in their obligations to their own voters.

Under this system, the voter needs to be offered only one or two strong personalities or good speakers: the others can be party hacks obediently carrying out instructions without ever contributing an idea of their own, or persons who played a valuable or important role in the long-distant past, under totally different circumstances, and who may be totally unqualified for action today.

The Alignment, which is so much more in the public eye than other parties as a result of its continuous leadership inside the government coalition, in addition suffers from split personality, to an extent almost incredible in a non-geographical party. The groups of which it is made up share only the most general political aims, and diverge sharply on priorities and methods. What has held the Alignment together, in the past, has been its unchallenged leadership, as well as a well-developed party machine and sources of income and benefit to party members based on its labour and cooperative background.

The party barely survived the leadership crisis between Ben-Gurion and Eshkol in the 'sixties, when it was sustained by its second line, the leadership of today — Mrs. Meir, Moshe Dayan, Sapir, Eban, and Gali.

These are in turn under fire today and there is no strong second line to sustain the party's own morale. The result has been an unparalleled degree of defection within the party itself. Its functionaries and members say without compunction that it will not do the party any harm to be weaker. To the extent that election results can be foretold, the Party will emerge weaker, but it should be poor comfort for its rivals to garner votes cast not so much for their policies as against the quarrels inside the Alignment.

The small left-wing groups will collect a relatively large number of votes intended to reinforce the left wing of the Alignment; the Likud will get votes cast to strengthen the Dayan wing of the Alignment. The defections may create difficulties in the building of a stable government after the elections, and they may place a quite disproportionate amount of power in the hands of the small National Religious Party.

It is time to change the election system to one in which the member elected must personally obtain the approval of the electors, and not only of his party management. Till this is done, the voter should stop to think, and vote for a party, not against it.

By Ari Rath

GENEVA. — Geneva has been put on the Middle East map. It is there to stay for a long time.

The peace conference opening has meant a moment of truth for Israel and the Arabs alike. But it will take weeks and months for both sides to begin facing that truth and to attempt to solve and reconcile seemingly irreconcilable problems.

Both Israel and Egypt should have come out pleased with the opening phase of the conference. Much of the credit belongs to Henry Kissinger's mastery at pinpointing the possible common denominator between adversaries, always prepared to go back one step, whenever one party feels too strongly about a certain move and seems determined to reject it.

This approach produced the "sandwich" solution that solved the mini-crisis of the table arrangement in the council chamber. It also caused Kissinger and Gromyko to give in to Friday's "mini revolt" when Egypt, Jordan and Israel insisted on speaking at the opening session rather than wait for Saturday.

The first lesson to be learned from the conference opening is that it pays to insist on important points of procedure as well as substance.

For Israel an important achievement was the decision that all problems pertaining to the Middle-East conflict will be dealt with under the heading of a "peace conference," and under the principle of "rule by consensus." Thus for the first time Israel will have veto power in an important international forum, and it will be very difficult to divert the Middle East issue to the futile U.N. debates in New York.

Here and there it was possible to find gentle hints that some movement towards a settlement might be in the offing. There is no question that each of the tremendously complicated problems will be dealt with separately, in line with the Kissinger theory of pragmatic, step-by-step tackling of issues.

Whatever formulas for a settlement will be found, the obvious expectation is that it will be a settlement in stages. The Arabs are certain to press for a timetable for these various stages and it will be up to Israel to prevent this ongoing, stage-by-stage settlement from turning into a political stampede.

### Working groups

The pattern for such separate working groups was already set Saturday, at the opening session of the conference opening, with the establishment of a military working group that is expected to get down

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to business tomorrow. Although not stated specifically it was clear that this would be an Israel-Egyptian working group. Jordanian Premier Zeid Rifaat's last-minute attempt to talk into the act, demanding that military disengagement between Israel and Jordan also be discussed forthwith, only earned the benevolent smiles of both co-chairmen. He simply was not playing the game right.

Nothing in this conference has a chance of being discussed in earnest unless prior consensus has been reached in informal talks in the lobbies of the Palais des Nations or at the Intercontinental Hotel.

It was no coincidence that Kissinger and Gromyko left Geneva soon after the opening. Although their deputies — Ellsworth Bunker and Vladimir Vinogradov — are to come

back here right after Christmas, to head the American and Russian delegations, the parties will have much leeway to deal with the various problems on their own. The "big brothers" will be in the background, ever ready to keep the peace conference from losing momentum. But they are not likely to embark on dictating a settlement, at least not at this stage.

An interesting precedent was created Saturday when Gromyko tried hard to get the Soviet Union and the U.S. to preside over the meetings of the military working group. Kissinger made it unmistakably clear that the Americans want the two super-powers to keep out of the Israel-Egyptian disengagement talks, which had already made a good start at Kilometer 101, and without both co-chairmen, the other cannot preside.

### Pattern of 101

Surprisingly enough, Egypt's Ismail Fahmy also did not seem anxious to sit together with the Americans and the Russians on the military talks. So it was agreed to continue the pattern of Kilometer 101, with Fatah, U.N. General Secretary J. J. Aronson, and Kissinger also would serve future sub-committees and working groups that are likely to be set up once the peace conference's plenum talks resume in early January.

Keep up the momentum, to head the American and Russian delegations, the parties will have much leeway to deal with the various problems on their own. The "big brothers" will be in the background, ever ready to keep the peace conference from losing momentum. But they are not likely to embark on dictating a settlement, at least not at this stage.

It will be both wise and smart for Israel to prepare position papers of its own, then have to reply, reject or in part, proposals and demands of the other side. This included the question of Jerusalem and other related issues though the question of Jerusalem is likely to be tackled in only one of the last stages of the conference, after agreements have been reached on the rest of the ground.

There is no doubt the talks have become an important feature of Israel's political life. Both Gromyko and Kissinger on record at the outset the Geneva Conference is to be concluded by binding and lasting treaties. Their word, and particularly that of the Russians, taken at face value. The still much scope to fight for terms acceptable to Israel in coming months, and perhaps ahead at Geneva.

## WHAT YOU NEVER WANTED TO KNOW, BUT PLL TELL YOU ANYWAY

# Dr. Lonelyheart's guide to sex

With Prejudice ! by Alex Berlyne

EARLIER this month, Dr. Eustace Chessner, the celebrated author of "Love Without Fear" (which sold millions of copies), and 30 other books on sex and human relations, was gathered to his fathers. Forging over my file of readers letters, like an aging beauty reading her collection of faded billies down, I see that a number are concerned with sex and I feel that I ought to pick up where Dr. Chessner left off.

Mr. E.J. of Drom Zabala penned me a long screed pleading for more sexual liberalization. Moved by his anguished prose I can only suggest that if Mr. J. will send me a recent photograph I'll try to get him fixed up. Writing from the University of the Negev, a young lady attacked me for my flippant attitude toward "Last Tango in Paris," asking: "What, precisely, is so objectionable in anyone's defending sodomy as a desirable experience?" Well, Ms. E. H. I can only advise you to seek further information at the nearest Department of Pathology or examine the plates in Sidney Smith's "Forensic Medicine."

Actually my knowledge of such matters is only newly acquired. Till fairly recently my attitude to sex was: "Let's pretend it's not there and maybe it'll go away." However it's impossible to avoid seeing all the latest manuals in every bookshop. Only the other day I came across "The Art of Sensual Massage," by a couple with unpronounceable names. I don't know if the book will help anybody but it should double the sales

of electric toothbrushes overnight. Following the runaway success of Dr. David Reuben's "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Sex (But Were Afraid To Ask)," the irrepressible Sol Weinstein, a self-proclaimed authority on Dysfunction and Dysfunction, rushed "Everything You Never Wanted to Know About Sex (But I'll Tell You Anyway)" through five editions.

Claiming to be the author of "Sex Without a Partner" and "Happiness is a Warm Whip," Mr. Weinstein uses the same question and answer technique as Dr. Reuben. What is mutual orgasm? An insurance company in Omaha. What is copulation? Sex between consenting policemen.

What birth-control devices do women use? The diaphragm, the intra-uterine mechanism, the oral Pill and the violent headache — still the best device around. In your experience what is the largest organ you've ever seen? The Wurlitzer at the old Roxy Theatre in New York.

Following Weinstein's explanation of sodomy comes the question: Can we not infer, then, that there is a practice called "Gomorrhoea"? There is, but I would not describe it in a book designed only as a sex-appeal pornography. All I'll say is that it has something to do with a chicken, some petroleum jelly and a trampoline.

Weinstein's advice, taken all in all, comes close to challenging that given by Lord Chesterfield to his son a couple of centuries ago, as the most memorable pronouncement on the subject: "The position is ridiculous, the pleasure momentary and the expense is damnable."

Another helpful book, "What Everyone Knew About Sex" has just been published by Macdonald. A barrage of murderous advice by Victorian sexologists, the book enshrines the wisdom of one Orson Squire Fowler and others. Professor Fowler began life as a phrenologist and then went on to the examination of more delightful proboscises. A sample of his conclusions makes hilarious reading: "A woman can, at an early stage, prevent conception by excessive sneezing and coughing." "All well-scented maidens enter womanhood with a plump luscious bust, which usually shrivels gradually till it almost disappears by the age of twenty."

"The parent who first reaches the sexual climax casts the gender that determines the opposite sex." "Most invalids and idiots are the result of their own or their fathers' beastlike use of the generative organs."

Some of the book follows the Reuben pattern (or rather, vice versa). What if one conceives purely for pleasure? Fear the worst and pray. Discussing illegitimacy, the au-

thor asks: Can you trust such a child? and answers his own question: They are always cunning because created by stealth. Sometimes the venerable Professor is moved to flights of poetry: What happens to the seduced woman? She is doomed to wander through life, a despised vagabond, an object of scorn to the virtuous, and of derision to her betrayer: Lorenzo Fowler, my brother, wrote of seduction in these words: "Take my sister, bear her bleeding, mangled body to yonder Alpine heights, where hungry vultures may gnaw her quivering flesh; but spare her; O God; spare her from the poisoning, loathsome embrace of the damning seducer!"

Unhappily, Professor Fowler was better at dishing out advice than taking it. He had several times warned that sex at an advanced age was dangerous, but in 1857, at the age of 73 and a short time after the birth of his third child, Orson Squire Fowler, as if to bear out the truth of his own words, expired.

"What Everyone Knew About Sex" is really a collection of black humour, described by the editor as "a case book of ill-or-cure psychological surgery," and it is terrifying to think that the Victorians actually put these appalling counsels into practice. But have things changed all that much?

One of the authors quoted, a predecessor of Fowler's called William Thompson, described woman a century ago as "a breeding machine, the wife, and of all the fixtures in a man's home the most abjectly miserable." This curiously parallels the advice of "J." the cheeky author of one of the Bibles of today's young swingers "The Sensuous Woman": Pin up on your bed, your mirror, your wall, a sign, lady, until you know it in every part of your being: "We were designed to delight, excite and satisfy the male of the species."

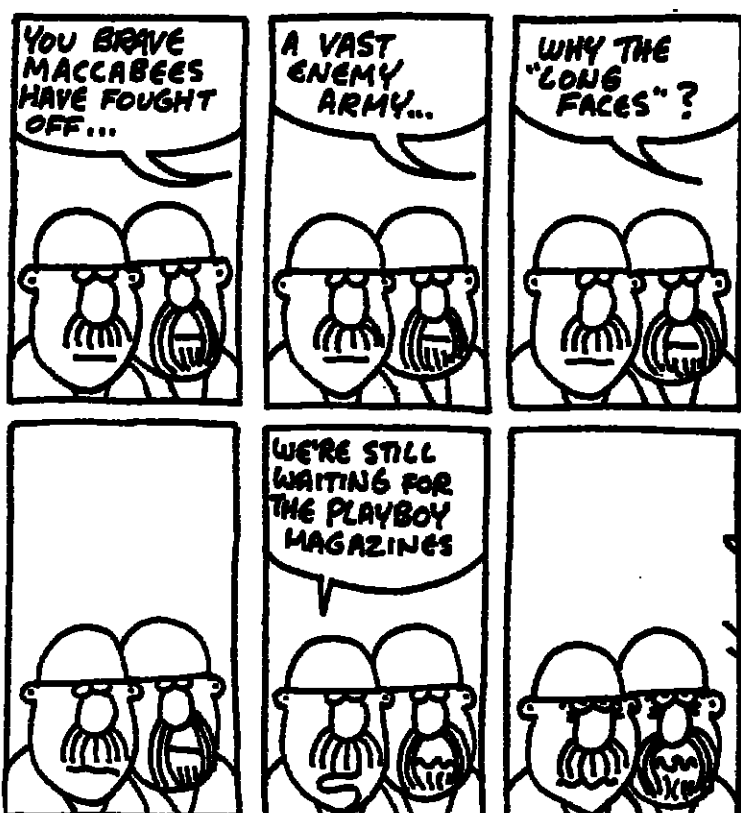
Today's pundits offer a wealth of advice but it's often contradictory. Dr. Reuben's physiological observations differ in some important respects from the findings of Masters

and Johnson in "Human Sexual Response" and "Human Sexual Inadequacy" for instance, and when we get to the vexed questions of gidity and the female orgasm, simply have to take your pick from the serried ranks of psychologists, sexologists, psychoanalysts, advice columnists and others. Jews are notoriously given to a second opinion in matters, but this is ridiculous.

Even the uninformed, like myself for instance, who till recently thought that the orgasm was a ruse, a trick, a game, (along with the gl, the Orion and the Orna) can there's something wrong. Once a time we had the defiled Signe Freud telling us that the clitoris opposed to vaginal orgasm in adult woman was a Bad Thing, then Masters and Johnson peeped the responses of 332 rather forth girls, under laboratory conditions and informed us that there was one sort after all. Even the serious Dr. Kinsey whose first published work — a portent of things to come — was entitled "Do Birds Do When It Rains?" — Do Birds Do When It Rains?" — fused matters by boldly asserting that the multiple orgasm does despite the opposition of Dr. E. H. and Kinsey. While Freud analysts are doing their best to solve problems of frigidity by digging up suspected neuroses, Dr. Kinsey insists that all the dysfunction requires is a series of exercises designed to strengthen the pubic cygne muscles — something, the author of the Royal Canadian Forces Exercise Book doesn't seem have heard about.

The last word on the subject should be left to Dr. Leslie H. Farber, chairman of the Association of British Psychology and Psychiatry, New York. Distressed by the pl of couples trying to turn themselves into sexual athletes on the advice of the sex manuals and to will, unwillingly, Dr. Farber writes: "conviction is that over the last few years sex has for the most part lost its viability as a human experience." Oh dear.

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## Readers' letters

### Hijackers and assassins

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The latest hijack-murders recall the Assassins who terrorized the world 800 years ago. Your readers may be interested to know what a scholar of Arab extraction writes about them. I quote from Prof. Philip K. Hitti, History of Syria (Macmillan, 1961):

"The Assassins were a Neo-Ismi. Like order... They acquired their name from the Arabic hashish, the intoxicating hemp (marijuana) to which they supposedly resorted when they operated. The order was a secret organization headed by a Grand Master below whom stood priors followed by propagandists. Near the bottom were the FIDAIYS (footnote: variant FIDAWI, one ready to offer his life for a cause) ready to execute at all costs the Grand Master's orders. The Fida'is made free and treacherous use of the dagger against Christians and Moslems alike; they made assassination an art."

"To the Europeans the Syrian Grand Master was the *visus de la monstrosus*. For 80 years, beginning about 1163, Rashid-al-Din Siyoun held this high office. It was his men who made two unsuccessful attempts on the life of Salah-al-Din. He in turn was suspected of having used Assassins against Conrad of Montferrat, titular king of Jerusalem, who was killed in 1192 by a hand disguised as Christians. Another prominent Frank for whose death the Assassins were responsible was Count Raymond II of Tripoli (ca. 1152). Siyoun's successor was visited

by a Frankish count in his mountain castle with his high turrets guarded by white clad Assassins. On a signal from the Master two of the sentinels threw themselves from their turrets to be torn to pieces on the rocks below."

"In 1172 the Old Man of the Mountain sent envoys to the king of Jerusalem to discuss the possibility of conversion on the part of his men to Christianity. This was in line with the practice of dissimulation (taqiyyah) authorized by ultra-Shi'ite tenets. Before (St.) Louis' departure from France the Assassins had made an attempt on his life, indicating that their field of operation extended as far as Western Europe. Eastward they operated as far as Mongolia, where they tried to assassinate one of the Great Khans."

TEL NOYMAN

### "DRY BONES"

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I am a temporary resident living for the past six months in Jaffa and, like many other new immigrants, I am sometimes a little critical of certain Israeli day-to-day behaviour. Such criticisms are usually found summed up admirably by Kirschner in his "Dry Bones" cartoon. After reading Kirschner's point of view, many situations have become amusing rather than annoying. Even during the "Dry Bones" gave us a lighter side to look on when faced with the behaviour of some foreign countries. Jaffa, December 10.

### FEN FRIENDS

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To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Over the past five years we, the California Israel Committee for Trade and Technology, have responded to requests for assistance which have been sent by all aspects of the Israeli community, the various industrial organizations, the institutions of learning and the kibbutzim.

Our Chairman, Mr. Raphael Ortasse, is presently in Israel attending the 3rd World Congress of Engineers and Architects, and he will remain in Israel until the end of the year. We would therefore appreciate your cooperation in providing some form of publicity to indicate that any person or organization wishing to take advantage of our services or wishing to learn more about our organization can do so by contacting Mr. Ortasse. This can be done either through Mr. El. Pallas, President of the Association of Engineers and Architects in Israel or by calling telephone number 266660, in Tel Aviv.

Anyone wishing to contact our organization directly, may direct his inquiry to the mailing address noted above. Thanking you for your cooperation, I am,

MURRAY LEITNER  
(Vice-Chairman)

Sepulveda Cal. Dec. 16.

### POWS IN VIETNAM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Since the end of the Vietnam War, many people think that the MIA-POW (missing in action-prisoners of war) issue is settled. But the Communists have not kept their cease-fire agreement about the return of POWs and accounting of MIA's. Only 180 POWs were returned. This means that over 1,200 men are still held in Vietnam and Laos.

The returned POWs have told how the Communists brutally tortured them. The men that were left behind in Vietnam will be imprisoned and tortured for the rest of their lives if we do not push the North Vietnamese government for their release. Think of the families of these men, not knowing if their loved ones are dead or alive. Some of the children don't even know their fathers.

I'm asking you to please print this letter. North Vietnam has shown itself to be sensitive to world opinion.

CHRISTINE BARDOLF  
Clearwater, Fla. November 4.

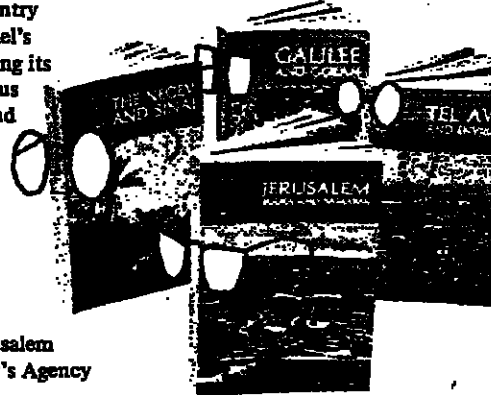
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